

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant: Waitakere District Court

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

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Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The iphoto on the printout exploits a young teenage girl by showing her deliberately posed to display her genital area in close-fitting pants that outline her labia. There are no explicit sexual elements in the image. However, the girl's pose and the camera's position sexualise her body in a way that rules out innocent interpretations. The image is intended for people with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that underage girls may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.